CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Nana030.jpg
Other known title(s):	Nana 030
OFLC ref:	0900808.000
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	05 October 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.

The file contains a sexual image of a girl who appears to be an older child or young teenager. The image has been contrived to draw attention to her sexual characteristics. There is no context that might conceivably give the image a non-sexual reading. Its purpose is to sexually titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children or young people. By presenting a sexualised image of a young girl, the computer file encourages this sexual interest and strengthens the idea that children and young people may be used for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.